



THURSDAY EVENING, MAY 26, 1904.

MR. HOLLOWAY, U. S. Consul General at Halifax, writes the State Department that the grocers of Canada have formed a protective association against "dead beats." He says thus far the plan adopted has worked very well and there is a general hustling on the part of debtors to pay up. According to Mr. Holloway there are several regular steps taken by the association in the pursuit of the man who does not settle. "The first step," he writes, "is a request from the grocer for payment with a hint that if not paid the account will be handed over to the association and all its members made acquainted with the fact. The next step is a letter from the secretary of the association that the account has been handed over and that if not paid by a certain date the matter will be reported to the members, after which the debtor will be unable to get further credit. Should the debtor still neglect payment, a letter is written to his employer." The Canadians are late in adopting the plan that has been almost worn out in this country.

GEORGE F. ALHANSIUS, twenty-three years old, died in Jersey City a day or two ago from blood poisoning. Young Alhansius about two weeks ago attended a ball. He wore a pair of patent-leather pumps, and during the evening complained to a friend that one of the shoes hurt him at the heel. Subsequently it was discovered that the heel had been cut by the new leather. The wound became inflamed and the heel was much swollen. Some of the dye of the socks worn by the young man had entered the wound and poisoned the blood. This is one of a number of cases which have occurred in different places recently. A resident of this city was in a critical condition a week or two ago from disordered blood by wearing colored stockings.

In commenting upon Secretary Shaw's address at Des Moines claiming that the tariff is the miraculous author of the country's prosperity, which can exist only in dependence upon tariff protection, the New York Herald remarks: "Mr. Shaw can see nothing funny in applying the term 'infant industry' to the billion and a half steel combination, and contends that protective duties are now more necessary than ever, because ocean transportation has been cheapened and reduced in time. This argument would scarcely be accepted by even the Chinese of today." Yet people say Secretary Shaw has no sense of humor.

THE BOSTON HERALD is commenting on an error of The Cleveland Plain Dealer, which had asserted that no Vice President of the United States was ever afterward elected President, after citing the contrary cases of John Adams and Jefferson, itself falls into the error of declaring that since the adoption of the twelfth amendment to the constitution in 1804 there has been no instance of the election of a Vice President to the presidency. In 1832 Van Buren was elected to the vice presidency, running on the democratic ticket with Andrew Jackson. In 1836 Van Buren was elected to the presidency.

A BALTIMORE MERCHANT filed a petition in bankruptcy last week, whose schedule of debts and assets showed liabilities amounting to \$63,354.03; his enumerated assets being personal property, valued at \$125. There are no secured creditors, all of the debts being on open accounts to a number of merchants in Baltimore and Philadelphia. This man will be the admiration of that large class of people who on minimum capital and maximum cheek manage to swindle over confiding and simple hearted storekeepers.

A WASHINGTON PAPER, which is a today of toadies to Mr. Roosevelt, admits that the republicans have a fight on hand this fall but says that Mr. Roosevelt's popularity will be the greatest factor in success. If the President is to win on his personal popularity then he is beaten before the election, for he is notoriously one of the most unpopular men who ever occupied the White House. References—the republican members of Congress on both sides of the Capitol.

AT MONDAY'S session of the congressional subsidy commission held in New York, among the shipowners and shipbuilders who testified before it was Mr. Lewis Nixon, who said "if we had no protection at all we would rely upon our own natural resources and American enterprise, and probably get along just as well." This being the case why does Mr. Nixon oppose free ships in urging the importance of a merchant marine?

THE democratic State convention will meet in Richmond on June 9 to send delegates to the national convention which will meet in St. Louis in July to nominate a presidential ticket. So far nothing has been done by the Alexandria city committee looking to the selection of delegates to the State convention.

## From Washington.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.] Secretary of War Taft had a long consultation with the President this morning over the question of paying the increased salary to certain retired officers in the army as provided for under an appropriation bill passed by the last Congress. The Secretary is of the opinion that twenty-five or twenty-six officers on the retired list who would otherwise be benefited by the new law are barred on account of physical disabilities which would have prevented their elevation to the next higher rank in the service had they remained on the active list. As he is not sure of his ground in the matter Secretary Taft said this morning that he would submit the matter to the Attorney General.

U. S. Consul Dudley at Vancouver, B. C., reports that that place is threatened with a serious epidemic of the smallpox and that several deaths have already occurred.

The salary of Col. J. S. Mosby, of Virginia, who was recently appointed an assistant attorney, will be \$2,400. He has been assigned to the division of insular affairs in the Department of Justice.

The new vessels for the navy authorized by Congress at its last session have been named as follows: The battleship, New Hampshire; cruisers, North Carolina and Montana; scout cruisers, Chester, Birmingham and Salem; colliers, Erie and Ontario.

President Roosevelt entertained at luncheon today the French, Spanish and Russian Ambassadors. Ambassador Jusserand of France was accompanied by Mme Jusserand. During the year the President goes through the entire list of Ambassadors and Ministers from foreign countries, being careful of course to invite those who are congenial to sit down at the same table.

U. S. Consul McWade, at Canton, cables the State Department that Rev. Richard Noyes, an American missionary, has died there of the plague and that the disease is spreading. Charges of irregularities submitted in a report to the general conference of the M. P. Church, followed by counter charges of intrigue and jealousy affecting the Baltimore book directory was the most interesting feature of this morning's session. The charges were submitted to the conference by committee on publishing interest recommending that Dr. J. L. Mills, Dr. C. D. Sinking and Judge W. C. Adams be appointed members of the Baltimore directory to succeed Dr. T. H. Lewis, Dr. Frank T. Little and the Rev. J. G. Clark. It was the consensus of opinion of a number of the delegates that questionable methods were being used in trying to oust the three members of the committee.

## TELEGRAPHIC BRIEVITIES

Shale Lewis Merriman, of New York city, was arrested at Hagerstown, Md., yesterday, by Sheriff Downin, on the charge of deserting his wife and minor child, a daughter eight years old.

The Union Pacific Overland Limited train, westbound, was wrecked at Hallville, Wyoming, last night, by a broken rail. The entire train save the engine left the track. Several passengers were severely injured.

It is learned the Pope has decided should events necessitate the resignation of Cardinal Merry del Val as Papal Secretary of State, that his successor will be Cardinal Vincenzo Vanutelli, who will continue the same policy as that carried out by the present incumbent. As a result, Cardinal Satolli's trip to America will not be interrupted.

As a result of an investigation held last evening by the Board of Governors of the New York Stock Exchange, it was announced from the rostrum of the exchange this morning that I. B. Newcomb has been suspended for five years for violation of the commission law. Newcomb was the board member of the firm of Stewart Brown & Co., which dissolved a few days ago. The firm had been mentioned as one of the firms that did business for W. E. Woodward & Co., which failed a short time ago for several thousand dollars.

The subscription list for the \$35,000,000 republic of Cuba five per cent gold bonds was closed by Speyer & Co., and Harvey Fisk & Sons as soon as opened in New York at 10 o'clock this morning, as the loan was several times over applied for both there and in Europe.

## FOREIGN NEWS

A dastardly murder was committed at Burlington, N. S., on Tuesday night when Mrs. Margaret Robinson, an aged woman, was killed and her home fired to cover the crime. The body was discovered yesterday. Mrs. Robinson's husband was arrested last night.

Five children were killed and six others injured by an explosion of dynamite near Vienna yesterday. A party of children, 20 in all, took refuge from a storm in a storehouse near where their fathers, who are railway men, were working. The youngsters found some dynamite and threw it into a fire which was burning in the storehouse. An explosion followed doing much damage, besides causing the fatalities mentioned.

It is learned at the Berlin Foreign Office that Russia recognizes the justice of the complaints by America and England against the indiscriminate strewing of floating mines about the waterways of the Yellow sea and the Gulf of Pechili. Russia, however, will continue to use these mines throughout the war, and will afterwards negotiate with America and England and the other powers regarding the limitations to their use in future wars.

## Fire at Yazoo City.

Every business house of any importance in Yazoo City, Miss., is in ashes, together with a large number of private residences, the principal hotel and the passenger depot. Chamberless White was killed and Mayor Holmes badly injured while fighting the flames. The loss is roughly estimated at \$2,000,000. The fire destroyed everything from the river on the south, a distance of 12 blocks and 3 blocks wide. All the banks, many business houses, the newspaper offices, the postoffice, courthouse and city hall have been destroyed.

Jackson, Miss., May 26.—A train load of supplies was sent to Yazoo this morning for the relief of the fire sufferers and homeless families. Hundreds of telegrams of condolence and offers of assistance are pouring into the stricken city. A party of a dozen fire insurance adjusters passed through Jackson this morning en route to the scene. It is understood that they will settle the losses immediately in order to alleviate the distress. The local relief committee has the situation well in hand and homes are being opened for those who were burned out. Banks opened temporary quarters in tents this morning. Martial law prevails. Two companies of militia are on duty. Later estimates do not change original estimate of the losses, which is in the neighborhood of \$2,000,000.

## News of the Day.

The Alabama democratic convention yesterday elected twenty-two delegates to St. Louis favorable to Parker, and adopted the unit rule.

James R. Keene's Delhi, a favorite in the betting at 3 to 2, won the Belmont stakes of \$14,695 to the winner at Morris Park, New York, yesterday.

At Zion Episcopal Church, Charleston, W. Va., Miss Hannah Washington Alexander daughter of Mrs. Hannah Alexander, was yesterday married to Mr. Edward E. Cooke, a well-known young business man of Charleston.

Twenty persons were injured, some seriously, in a wreck on the Cleveland and Pittsburgh Railroad near East Liverpool, Ohio, yesterday afternoon. The wreck was caused by the train running into some freight cars that had broken loose and got onto the track.

The Kentucky department, Grand Army of the Republic, in session at Frankfort, will today adopt resolutions urging the national department to call upon Congress to erect at Washington a monument to the memory of Gen. Robert E. Lee. Gen. W. T. Bowsmith, of Covington, was elected department commander for Kentucky.

"Not guilty" was the verdict returned by the jury in Washington yesterday evening after a 20 minutes' absence from the court room in the case of James N. Tyner, former assistant attorney-general of the Postoffice Department, and Harrison J. Barrett, law clerk of the Postoffice Department, charged with conspiracy to defraud the government.

Late last night, after exciting scenes, the democratic State convention at Nashville, Tenn., adjourned until 10 o'clock this morning. James D. Frazier was nominated to succeed himself as Governor and the platform instructing the State's twenty-four delegates to the national convention to vote for the nomination of Judge Alton B. Parker, of New York, for President, and to vote as a unit on all questions was adopted.

## OHIO DEMOCRATS.

The democratic State convention in Columbus yesterday nominated the following ticket:

Secretary of State, A. P. Sandies, of Ottawa; Supreme Judge, Philip J. Renner, of Cincinnati; Clerk of Supreme Court, Peter Mahaffey, of Cambridge; Dairy and Food Commissioner, Quintin M. Gravatt, of Wooster; Member of the Board of Public Works, William H. Ferguson, of Springfield; Electors at large, John A. McDowell, of Millersburg, and A. J. Pearson, of Woodsfield; Delegates at large, Wm. S. Thomas, of Springfield; John A. McMahon, of Dayton; Edward H. Moore, of Youngstown, and Charles P. Salen, of Cleveland; Alternates, David I. Rockwell, of Ravenna; John Sheehan, of Cincinnati; Henry C. Gray, of Hamilton and Wm. K. Decker, of Paulding.

There were three presidential elements involved. The Hearst men originally wanted instructions, but finally limited their opposition to the unit rule. The friends of Col. James Kilbourne, of Columbus, who was the democratic candidate for governor three years ago, wanted "indorsement." The friends of Judge Judson Harmon, of Cincinnati, who was attorney general under Cleveland, wanted neither indorsement nor instructions, but the unit rule. The Harmon men apparently won.

The platform was adopted as presented, with the exception of a two-cent railway fare plank, which was added at the instigation of Mayor Johnson, of Cleveland. The majority for the unit rule was only 65 out of a total vote of 723.

After the conservatives had defeated the radicals at the preliminary meetings Tuesday they had yesterday contentions among themselves, but the Harmon men limited their efforts to avoiding either instructions or indorsement, and making use of the unit rule, under which William R. Hearst will get no votes from Ohio, although he has carried at least three districts. Harlan Cleveland, of Cincinnati, a cousin of former President Grover Cleveland, made the argument before the convention in support of the unit rule, to which John H. Clark and others vigorously objected.

The convention was in continuous session almost nine hours, and during the last three hours it was exciting. There were former dramatic scenes, notably, when former Congressman John J. Lentz and Col. William A. Taylor indulged in personalities on the platform, and later when Allen O. Myers and Mayor Tom Johnson had a heated argument.

The delegates and alternates-at-large are claimed by the so-called conservatives, who also claim 30 of the district delegates. Their poll of the Ohio delegation to St. Louis is 36 conservatives (freely to Harman); Hearst, 6, and Folk, 4.

## Royal Arcanum.

The Supreme Council, R. A., which is holding its twenty-seventh annual convention in the Hotel Chamberlin, at Fort Monroe, Va., yesterday elected officers. General Fitzhugh Lee, president of the Jamestown Exposition Company, made an address before the convention, in which he discussed the coming celebration of the first settlement of English-speaking people in America. General Lee had a cordial reception.

The officers elected are: Supreme regent, A. S. Robinson, St. Louis, Mo.; supreme vice-regent, Howard C. Wiggins, Rome, N. Y.; supreme orator, Robert Van Sands, Chicago, Ill.; sitting past supreme regent, J. A. Langfitt, Pittsburgh, Pa.; supreme secretary, W. O. Robson, Boston, Mass.; supreme treasurer, E. A. Skinner, Westfield, N. Y.; supreme auditor, Alfred T. Turner, Boston, Mass.; supreme chaplain, Rev. E. H. Leising, Chambersburg, Pa.; supreme guide, H. S. Burkhardt, Chicago, Ill.; supreme warden, I. W. Canfield, New York; supreme sentry, R. M. Hillman, Evansville, Ind.; supreme trustees, J. M. Johnson, Chicago, Ill.; Charles H. Prentiss, Hartford, Conn., and Uriah W. Tompkins, New York.

## Must Pay Tax.

The national banks doing business within the District of Columbia are required to pay a personal tax of 6 per cent a year on moneys derived from interest on United States bonds held by the institutions. This is the substance of a legal opinion submitted to the commissioners by Corporation Counsel A. B. Duval, in the case of the appeal of the Second National Bank from the decision of the board of personal tax appraisers. The opinion of the corporation counsel sustains the action of the personal tax appraisers.

## Virginia News.

Captain Dan M. Lee was the Chief Marshal at the Fredericksburg memorial exercises yesterday.

Managers of Mr. Hearst who have been trying to start a boom for him in Virginia have abandoned all hope of success and will make no further effort.

Miss Kate Shelton Finney, daughter of the late Benjamin W. Finney, died at her home, in Richmond, yesterday. She was identified with charity work in that city.

Mrs. Mary A. Chesley died on Tuesday at the home of her son-in-law, Rev. Walker A. Decker, in Orange county, aged 79 years. One daughter, Mrs. Decker, survives her.

Charles A. Henry, a Confederate veteran, died at the Soldiers' Home in Richmond yesterday, aged 77. He was a native of Ohio, but lived at Front Royal when war was declared.

Mrs. Annie Macgill, died Saturday at the home of her husband, Mr. Richard G. Macgill, in Anne Arundel county. Mrs. Macgill was a daughter of General James Macgill, of Pulaski.

A letter from King George county says: Corn is selling readily from crib in the ear at one dollar for one four barrel full, a very expensive purchase for tenant or other farmers, and will probably bring more money later on owing to the scarcity in the county.

D. C. O'Flaherty, of Warren county, who has law offices in Richmond, has announced that he will stand for attorney general next year, provided the nomination is made by primary and that other candidates enter the race against the incumbent, Maj. W. A. Anderson.

Miss Frances M. Dickens, of Washington, who went to St. Louis several weeks ago in the hope of improving her health died suddenly Tuesday afternoon at the home of her brother, Aubert W. Dickens in that city. She was a daughter of the late Francis A. and Margaret Randolph Dickens, of Fairfax county. Her remains will be interred in Richmond tomorrow.

## Assaulted by a Negro.

A brutal assault that may end in the death of the victim was committed early Tuesday evening upon Miss Hannah Mueller, an artist, while she was sketching a water scene on Lynch's Island in the Schuylkill near the Fairmont waterworks, Philadelphia. She is a cripple, and was unable to make a successful defence from the attacks of the brute. She is now at her home, in Philadelphia, suffering from the effects of the assault and from shock. Miss Mueller is but 22 years old. For several years she has made a practice of sketching some of the beautiful spots in the park. She is a daughter of August M. J. Mueller, a well-known sculptor. Miss Mueller was found in an apparently demented condition with her dress badly torn and covered with mud, while her face was fearfully bruised and scratched, and her hair dishevelled. Her assailant is a negro whom the police are attempting to identify.

## Monument Unveiled.

The unveiling of the beautiful monument to the memory of the Little Rock Rangers took place yesterday at Oak Shade, Culpeper county, in the presence of a large crowd from Culpeper, Madison and Rappahannock counties. First in order was a patriotic hymn, then a prayer by Rev. William Wood, of Baltimore; bugle signal for unveiling, by D. F. Ball; unveiling of monument by eleven daughters of the company, escorted by a like number of Culpeper Minute Men; "Dixie," by the band; artillery salute by Gunner John R. Thayer; presentation of monument, by Private W. W. Wood. The address was delivered by Col. Thomas Smith. During a recess of one hour dinner was served to all. After dinner Major D. A. Grimsley addressed the people. The programme was a most pleasing one and well carried out, and the exercises lasted well into the evening.

## The Sword of Lee.

At a meeting of the Confederate Memorial Literary Society in Richmond yesterday a letter was read from Gen. Curtis Lee in response to inquiries of the secretary of the society, which sets at rest the numerous reports concerning the disposition of the sword of Robert E. Lee. The letter says: "To the best of my knowledge and belief all of the swords that ever belonged to my father, the late Gen. R. E. Lee, are now in the hands of the members of his immediate family. Before the receipt of your letter I had never heard of the alleged gift to Colonel Dent. The oft-repeated story, unobjectionable if true, of the tender and return of the sword at Appomattox is emphatically denied by General Grant in his memoirs."

## To Curtail Expenses.

The Norfolk city electoral board, which is determined to have the best citizens in town to serve as election officials in June and November, has revived an old law, which imposes a fine of \$10 to \$100 upon all persons declining to serve as judge, clerk or commissioner of election. "Cut down salaries and abolish the fee system" will be the slogan of the new Ridick city administration when the mayor's second term begins in September. It is desired to do away with \$50,000 in salaries on offices created by the city council alone. A campaign will be started to have the legislature abolish the State fee system when it meets in 1906.

Everybody's for June has been received from the Ridgway-Thayer Co., New York, and is attractive an issue as was ever offered by this magazine. In it is begun a new department, "Straight Talk," in which readers will have an opportunity of commenting on articles heretofore published. Another department in this number is the publication of a series of Caricatures by Forano. "Is America developing an aristocracy?" will provoke comment. Other articles of sterling interest are "The Home life of Emperor William," "The story of the greatest American jockey, George Odum," and "Consumption, the Great White Plague." There are ten stories including a war story by Morgan Robertson.

## Quick Arrest.

J. A. Guldage, of Verbeia, Ala., was twice in the hospital from a severe case of piles causing 24 tumors. After doctors and remedies failed, Bucken's Arnica Salve quickly arrested further inflammation and cured him. It conquers aches and kills pain. Use it at E. S. Leadbeater & Sons, druggists.

## Today's Telegraphic News

## Japanese Advancing.

London, May 26.—The Tokio correspondent of the Central News wires that word has been received there that the Japanese today stormed and carried Kin-Chow, to the rear of Port Arthur. Chefoo, May 26.—Word reached here today that the Japanese are now but ten miles distant from Port Arthur. The report adds that heavy fighting has occurred near Dalny, toward which a force of Japanese is marching.

Chefoo, May 26.—A letter received here from a Japanese correspondent states that a Japanese regiment landed at Kerr bay northeast of Taidienwan Bay on which Dalny is situated, on May 9th.

Paris, May 26.—A special edition of La France prints a message from St. Petersburg, stating that the report of General Fok in deceiving a force of Japanese into a mountain pass, not far from Feng-Huang-Cheng, has been confirmed. The message gives details which state that the Russians with two guns decimated the Japanese, firing from a hill top. The Russian loss was one captain and 140 men killed, while the loss of the Japanese was far greater.

Tokio, May 26.—Dispatches received this morning indicate that an attack by the Japanese on Kin Chow in the rear of Port Arthur is imminent. The Japanese force has most powerful artillery with which to make the attack. They are already in position for the onslaught. Spies have ascertained that the Russian defenses of the town consist of 30 guns. It is further reported that the Russians have evacuated their position at Kai-Ping, about 20 miles southeast of Niuchang.

## The Striking Freight Handlers.

New York, May 26.—New moves are promised today by the striking freight handlers of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, to make their strike effective by causing a complete tie up of the freight business on the marine district of the company. The strike leaders, having failed to bring the Teamsters' Association out, are preparing to send representatives to the other terminal points of the road and try to secure the assistance of the truckmen in those cities by having them go out on a sympathetic strike. The company is handling its business without trouble today. All steamers from the eastward, with the exception of the Richard Peck, from New Haven, arrived on time, this morning, with fair cargoes of freight and passengers. General Manager Miller said that everything was in a normal condition, and business was running quite smoothly. He said that as far as the company was concerned, the affair was closed. Captain Miller said that there were no conferences in prospect, and none expected. The police are still guarding the docks to prevent disorder.

## The Brooklyn Handicap.

New York, May 26.—The Brooklyn handicap at a mile and a quarter, worth \$20,000, will be run at Gravesend this afternoon. Arrangements have been made to handle 50,000 persons, and it is safe to predict that this estimate will not be far from wrong. Never has there been a race in which every horse named to start seemed to have such a royal chance of landing the winner's share of the prize. The names of twenty of the best horses in America have been sent out as starters, among them being Irish Lad, McChesney, Hermis, Africander, Savable, The Picket, and Higball. All the others have fast trials to their credit. In the antepost betting, Irish Lad is quoted at 2 to 1, Hermis and McChesney, 5 to 1; The Picket, Hurstbourne, Higball, and Eugenia Burch, 10 to 1, Savable and Runnels, coupled, 12 to 1. The weather is warm, and the track fast. The race is for a guaranteed cash value of \$20,000, of which \$2,500 goes to the second and \$1,500 to the third.

## Death of Allister Evans.

Paris, May 26.—Allister Evans, son of the late American dentist, Dr. Thomas W. Evans, who won world wide fame by assisting in the escape of the Empress Eugenie from France, died at the hospital Rue Dudinot, today, as the result of wounds sustained by shooting on Monday. Whether young Evans took his own life or was murdered is not yet apparent. An autopsy will be held. Evans was stopping at the Hotel Rivoli with a woman named Mrs. Julia O'Sucker Oreague, of Lima, Peru, who had been his mistress for several months past. It was at first reported that this woman had killed young Evans, but this has not been confirmed. Friends of the dead man say he was much weakened mentally as the result of his liaison with his mistress. He fell under the baleful influence of this woman, going from bad to worse, until finally, several weeks ago, he attempted to commit suicide at Monte Carlo. He was prevented at the time, but by many it is thought his death was the result of a second attempt.

## Zionist Congress

Hamburg, May 26.—The Zionist congress, which has been in session here for two days past, concluded its deliberations today. Dr. Klee presented a report on the present position of the Zionist colonization plan. He said the Zionist central committee had formally asked the Russian government whether it would be willing to support the Jewish colonization in Palestine by influencing the Sultan to grant his consent to the ceding of land for the purpose. Russia had replied in the affirmative. The statement was greeted with applause which was renewed when the president read a sympathetic message from the Kaiser.

## Double Suicide.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., May 26.—A sensational double suicide was discovered in a hotel on Baltimore street this morning when the bodies of a man and woman were found in one of the rooms. They were asphyxiated by gas and as the windows and doors were tightly closed, and all the gas jets turned on full, the police are of the opinion that it was a deliberate case of suicide. The man was Joseph Ruscus, and the woman Nell Flynn, an unfortunate character of the Tenderloin. This makes the fourth suicide in this hotel since Christmas.

## The Market

Georgetown, May 26.—Wheat \$1.00 a lb. RALSTON BREAKFAST FOOD, quality guaranteed, for sale at 10c package. J. C. MILBURN. HEINZ'S BAKED BEANS, vegetarian plain and with tomato sauce, just received by J. C. MILBURN.

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## BOILER EXPLODES.

Twelve or Fifteen People Killed and Ten Others Injured.

Louisville, Ky., May 26.—With a terrific detonation the boiler of the tow-boat Fred Wilson exploded at 3:20 o'clock this morning, killing twelve or fifteen men, seriously injuring ten others and completely wrecking the boat. The crew had just finished making up the tow of coal which was to be taken south this morning, and were preparing to tie up to the bank, just off River View Park, when the catastrophe occurred. The explosion came without warning and so great was the pressure and so large the boiler that the big steamer was shattered into small bits, while the crew was blown into the air, some falling into the river, others landing on the embankment, while some less fortunate were caught in the wreckage and killed instantly. The upper works of the steamer were torn entirely away, while the hull was so badly shattered that it sank to the bottom instantly.

## Coal Investigation.

New York, May 26.—The investigation by the Interstate Commerce Commission of the contracts between the coal carrying roads and the operators of the coal mines was resumed this morning. Eben E. Thomas, president of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, was asked by Mr. Shearn if he could say how the price of coal at tide-water was fixed prior to January, 1901, and in reply said that it was determined through conferences between the companies. Mr. Shearn then repeated the question which Mr. Thomas refused to answer last year, as to who fixed the price for the Lehigh Valley Coal Company's coal at tide-water. Mr. Thomas replied: "As a general thing I do." There were many passages at arms between Mr. Shearn and the witness the counsel endeavoring to compel Mr. Thomas to admit that the price of coal was fixed after conference between the several coal-carrying companies. Among other things Mr. Thomas said anthracite coals not a necessity. "It is," said he, "a luxury, like diamonds. The people of Pittsburgh and St. Louis get along without anthracite. They burn bituminous and are glad to get it."

## Maryland Democrats.

Baltimore, Md., May 26.—The Maryland democratic convention met at noon at Ford's Opera House. It was the most notable gathering of representative democrats seen together for years. Senator Gorman's master hand was noticed in the drawing together of the factions, and the intent evidently is to make a tremendous showing. This has for its purpose to show how strong democracy is in the city and to give Gorman a tremendous boom in the presidential contest. Enthusiastic cheers sounded through the hall when Gorman entered. The convention was called to order by State Chairman Vandiver, and Joshua Herring made temporary chairman. Van diver pleaded for party harmony and Chairman Herring declared that "the people want something beside the republican expression of 'stand pat.'" Delegates to St. Louis are Senator Gorman, Congressman Talbot, Colonel Buchanan Schley and ex-Gov. Smith. Senator-elect Isidor Raynor and Governor Warfield were absolutely ignored in the naming of the delegates.

## Mother and Son Drowned.

Suffolk, Va., May 26.—Mrs. Joshua Wheeler and her three-year old son came to a strange death by drowning yesterday, at Merchants' Mill, N. C. Mrs. Wheeler, her son, and Mrs. Diana Wheeler, her mother, were out driving in a carriage, and the horse becoming frightened began to back into a deep lake. All three occupants were thrown in the water. Mrs. Diana Wheeler was found floating on the lake in an unconscious condition. She was revived later.

## New York Stock Market.

New York, May 26, 11 a.m.—The stock market generally possessed a slightly firmer tone this morning. As a rule, however, the improvements were only fractional and traders were indisposed to speculate extensively. There was no animation to the dealings and the fluctuations in prices promise to be narrow in the absence of any new important developments.

## More Profit from Coal.

Contracts between the Guaranty Trust Company of New York, the Temple Iron Company and the six railroads included in the inquiry which are alleged to secure the guaranty company, as trustee, against loss by binding the railroads on a respective percentage based on their tonnage of coal carried to tidewater from the Temple Iron Company's collieries, were produced by E. C. Hobbard, secretary of the guaranty company, in New York, yesterday, when the Interstate Commerce Commission continued its inquiry into the

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